

# Greystone Global Equity Fund

## Fund Commentary

Global equity markets performed well during the third quarter. The global economic backdrop continued to improve, which was demonstrated by the strongest Global Purchasing Manager's Index reading in the past few years.

The Greystone Global Equity Fund outperformed its benchmark, the MSCI World Index in the quarter and year to date.

## Positive Contributors

All regions had positive returns in the quarter, with the exception of Pacific ex Japan. Energy was the best performing sector this quarter as oil prices moved back above \$50 a barrel.

From a regional perspective, holdings in the U.S. contributed the most to performance

From a sector perspective, Industrials contributed to performance

At the stock level, ANTA Sports, which is a Chinese sports retailer, was the strongest contributor to performance.

## Performance Detractors

Holdings in the Consumer Staples sector detracted from performance

From a regional perspective holdings in Canada detracted from performance.

At a stock level, Altria Group, a U.S. tobacco holding company, detracted from performance

## Current Positioning

Global growth continues and is supported by higher corporate earnings. The outlook in Europe remains constructive as the region experiences a reacceleration in earnings growth. The U.S. is in the latter stage of the business cycle and market valuations are stretched, but Greystone believes the market has room to advance. Greystone is monitoring market volatility measures however, as they are at unusually low levels.

The portfolio continues to hold companies with positive business momentum and competitive advantages that help

sustain longer term profitability. The portfolio is overweight emerging markets, where Greystone is finding opportunities tied to the Chinese consumer, and overweight the Industrial sector, where they are finding stocks with a breadth of diverse growth drivers. Key underweights remain holdings in Pacific ex Japan and the Materials sector where Greystone has challenges finding opportunities that meet their criterion.

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